

## DREW

Discusses "Sapho" and Says  
Vulgarity is Matter of  
Opinion.

Scripps-McRae League.

Detroit, Mich., March 16.—John Drew looked bored when he was asked his opinion about "Sapho" today, but court-teously replied with a strong English accent:

"Sapho" is a shockingly good play. The book is classic, don't you know. Those two papers in New York that made a scandal about it are not received in any respectable family in the city. It seems strange that New York didn't see the same about "Zaza" or "Camille." The vulgarity or purity of "Sapho" is all a matter of opinion. We might say that to the more all things are pure and to the vulgar all things are vulgar. It appears that the latter might apply to the criticism of the play by the papers I referred to.

"The tendency of the stage is toward purer and better plays—plays, don't you understand?—that young people can see and enjoy. As for 'Sapho' no one is forced to see it, and everyone who goes to see it knows what he is going to see. The manager of the theater does not pull people in and force them to stay. But I'm giving dignity to the matter by speaking about it."

Flint, Mich., March 16.—At a special meeting of the city council today a resolution was adopted in support of Mayor Crawford's determination to prevent a proposed presentation of "Sapho" tonight. The resolution instructs the city marshal to prevent the performance.

Kalamazoo, March 15.—The attempt of a traveling company to present "Sapho" at the academy of music was attended by scenes of tumult and excitement this evening. At a council meeting Monday night the aldermen voted to suppress the play. The management, however, ran up the curtain to a packed house. The chief of police ordered the curtain run down. No one responding, he ran it down himself. Twice the manager ran up the curtain. Finally the chief of police ordered the crowd to disperse. Lawyer Stewart, attorney for the manager, made a violent speech against the action of the aldermen, which was received with cheers and cries of approval. He urged the voters to suppress the aldermen at the coming election. Amid great disorder the crowd dispersed, vowing vengeance on the city government.

## NOT THE ADVISER.

Attorney General Strong on Advice to County Officials.

The following letter has been addressed to J. W. Stow, county treasurer of Cleveland county, by Attorney General J. C. Strong.

Guthrie, O. T., March 15, 1900.  
J. W. Stow, treasurer Cleveland county, Norman, O. T.

Dear Sir:—The attorney general of the territory is not the adviser of county officials, except the county attorney. For me to assume the role of adviser to other county officials would be to trespass upon a field wherein the duties and rights of the county attorney are exclusive—which I should not like to do.

If the county attorney of your county should ask advice from this office on the question propounded by you, I would be glad to give him my views of the law thereon for his benefit and yours.

Respectfully,  
J. C. STRONG,  
Attorney General.

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General John B. Gordon to Lecture Here

General John B. Gordon will deliver his celebrated lecture in the Brooks opera house in this city on the evening of April 11, entitled, "The Last Days of the Confederacy." It is the same lecture which electrified Boston, Brooklyn, New York and the east. The bureau under which he is making his present tour notified the Leader and the Women's federated literary societies of the above date.

ST. LOUIS, MARCH 15.—R. H. Bowen was today appointed general superintendent of the St. Louis and Northwestern railway company of Texas.

## Sheldon and His Paper

TOPEKA, KANS., MARCH 15.—Rev. Sheldon, in the Capital, in denouncing those people who dodge the tax assessor made the statement that an Aichison, Topeka, and Santa Fe baggageman in Topeka pays three times as much taxes as one of the highest officials of the road.

At the daily conference today with newspaper correspondents, Mr. Sheldon was asked why he did not publish the names of those through whom he made the comparisons, and replied:

"Because the names are legion. This city is full of that class of people and I do not think it right to single out a half dozen sinners and give their names. If I could have given the entire list I might have done so, but that would be impossible. I do not know that I would print them any way. I am looking into the future and beyond to remedy the evil and to persuade people to be more honest in the matter of assessment."

Asking if he holds that more good can be accomplished by creating public sentiment against places of evil and evil things, destroy the business and not name the guilty parties, Mr. Sheldon said:

"That is my idea. I believe in training the children right. I take the position that it is cheaper to prevent crime than to punish it. That is the view I take in my church and parish work. I believe if we save the children the future is safe. I do not say that I would not print the names of evil-doers if I were running a paper permanently, but I do not deem it best as I am running one for a week only."

TOPEKA, KANS., MARCH 15.—The feature of the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's paper tomorrow will be a cartoon opposing the war in the Philippines. It is the work of Myron A. Wattman, an artist of considerable local fame and a brother-in-law of Mr. Sheldon. It represents Uncle Sam dressed in uniform of an officer of the United States army with a smoking rifle in his hand, standing in front of an entrenchment in which are a number of dead Filipinos. Numerous skulls being seen in the distance.

Facing Uncle Sam and pointing to the results of his marksmanship in the entrenchments, stands the Goddess of Liberty. She is represented as asking: "Is this what you call your Christian civilization?"

It will be accompanied by a brief editorial not denouncing war in general.

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## Guano Caves Near Alva.

Alva, Okla., March 16.—The discovery of valuable deposits of guano in caves frequented by bats northwest of this place promises to become a source of wealth to persons who get possession of the caves. Everett Hall filed on a homestead in Greener canon which contains the largest guano cave yet found. The contents of this cave are estimated to be worth \$50,000. A question has arisen in the local land office whether the government will permit a person to acquire these caves under the homestead laws. The guano is being shipped to California.

## Curtis Case at El Reno.

El Reno, March 16.—John Curtis, son of Bob Curtis, a well known cattle man, is on trial in the district court here for killing Napoleon Thompson near this place three months ago. He pleads self-defense. The case began three days ago, but a jury has not yet been secured.

She—I have never loved before.  
He—And why my precious? Surely there are other as worthy as I.  
She—That wasn't it. I had indignation so I could never endure their prattle, but I took a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and have not seen any sign of it since.  
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## Trans-Mississippi Congress.

The Trans-Mississippi congress meets in Houston, April 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1900. Last year this congress held in Wichita and all know of its success there.

Houston people are making elaborate preparations for entertaining the delegates, and the congress this year promises to far exceed any of the previous meetings. Many Oklahomans will go and partake of the southern hospitality.

Every county should have a good representation at this congress. Each county may appoint one delegate through its executive officer, every business organization one delegate, with an additional delegate for every fifty members, the mayor of each city appoints one delegate.

Oklahoma should send a strong delegation to Houston and get the congress interested in statehood and free homes. Subjects for discussion takes in anything which is not of a political or local nature, and free homes and statehood would come under that head. Every delegate from Oklahoma should be furnished a badge for free homes and statehood.

Hon. H. C. R. Brodbeck, of Ponca City, was chosen at the Wichita meeting as vice-president of the association for Oklahoma, and he may be assisted by anyone desiring information as to furnishing any part of an exhibit of products, or information regarding delegateships. Anyone desiring information may also address Tom Richardson, secretary, Houston, Tex.

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